REPORT OF THE AUDIT OF THE LETCHER COUNTY FISCAL COURT

For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2005



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Honorable Carroll Smith, Letcher County Judge/Executive
Members of the Letcher County Fiscal Court

The enclosed report prepared by Ross & Company, PLLC, Certified Public Accountant, presents the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Letcher County, Kentucky, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements.

We engaged Ross & Company, PLLC to perform the audit of these financial statements. We worked closely with the firm during our report review process; Ross & Company, PLLC evaluated the Letcher County's internal controls and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

AUDIT EXAMINATION OF THE LETCHER COUNTY FISCAL COURT

For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2005

Ross and Company, PLLC has completed the audit of the Letcher County Fiscal Court for fiscal year ended June 30, 2005. We have issued an unqualified opinion on the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information.

Financial Condition:

The fiscal court had net assets of \$6,391,583 as of June 30, 2005. The fiscal court had unrestricted net assets of \$2,683,136 in its governmental activities as of June 30, 2005, with total net assets of \$6,325,401. In its business-type activities, total net cash and cash equivalents were \$66,182 with total net assets of \$66,182. The fiscal court had total debt principal as of June 30, 2005 of \$3,985,000 with \$101,000 due within the next year.

Report Comments:

- The Fiscal Court Should Annually Review The Administrative Code
- The Jailer Should Submit An Annual Settlement To The County Treasurer
- Jail Operating Expenditures Should Be Paid From The Jail Fund

Deposits:

The fiscal court's deposits were insured and collateralized by bank securities or bonds.

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Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Letcher County, Kentucky, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Letcher County Fiscal Court. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Guide for Fiscal Court Audits issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit and the report of other auditors provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

As described in Note 1, Letcher County, Kentucky, prepares its financial statements on a prescribed basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the modified cash basis, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Letcher County, Kentucky, as of June 30, 2005, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

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The county has not presented the management's discussion and analysis that the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be a part of, the basic financial statements. The Budgetary Comparison Information is not a required part of the basic financial statement but is supplementary information required by GASB. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the budgetary comparison information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Letcher County, Kentucky's basic financial statements. The accompanying supplementary information, combining fund financial statements are presented for additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The combining fund financial statements have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

In accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, we have also issued our report dated June 23, 2006 on our consideration of Letcher County, Kentucky's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to descibe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Based on the results of our audit, we present the accompanying comments and recommendations, included herein, which discusses the following report comments:

- The Fiscal Court Should Annually Review The Administrative Code
- The Jailer Should Submit An Annual Settlement To The County Treasurer
- Jail Operating Expenditures Should Be Paid From The Jail Fund

Respectfully submitted,

Ross & Company, PLLC

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Audit fieldwork completed - June 23, 2006

LETCHER COUNTY OFFICIALS

For The Year Ended June 30, 2005

Fiscal Court Members:

Carroll A. Smith County Judge/Executive

Jim Ward Magistrate
Wayne Fleming Magistrate
Trey Narramore Magistrate
Terry Adams Magistrate
Randall Caudill Magistrate

Other Elected Officials:

Harrold Bolling County Attorney

Gary Cornett Jailer

Winston Meade County Clerk

Margaret Nichols Circuit Court Clerk

Danny Webb Sheriff

Randy Hall Property Valuation Administrator

John Cornett Coroner

Appointed Personnel:

Phillip Hampton County Treasurer
Robin Kincer Finance Officer
Linda Bailey Payroll Clerk

Jim Revis 911 Administrator



LETCHER COUNTY STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS - MODIFIED CASH BASIS

LETCHER COUNTY STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS - MODIFIED CASH BASIS

	Primary Government					
	Go	overnmental	Busi	ness-Type		
		Activities	A	ctivities		Totals
ASSETS						
Current Assets:						
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	2,683,136	\$	66,182	\$	2,749,318
Total Current Assets		2,683,136		66,182		2,749,318
Noncurrent Assets:						
Capital Assets - Net of Accumulated						
Depreciation:						
Land and Land Improvements		1,416,000				1,416,000
Buildings		5,657,141				5,657,141
Vehicles and Equipment		310,252				310,252
Infrastructure Assets-Net of						
Depreciation:		243,872				243,872
Total Noncurrent Assets		7,627,265				7,627,265
Total Assets		10,310,401		66,182		10,376,583
LIABILITIES						
Current Liabilities:						
Bonds Payable		101,000				101,000
Total Current Liabilities		101,000				101,000
Noncurrent Liabilities:						
Bonds Payable		3,884,000				3,884,000
Total Noncurrent Liabilities		3,884,000				3,884,000
Total Liabilities		3,985,000				3,985,000
NET ASSETS						
Invested in Capital Assets,						
Net of Related Debt		3,642,265				3,642,265
Unrestricted		2,683,136		66,182		2,749,318
Total net assets	\$	6,325,401	\$	66,182	\$	6,391,583



LETCHER COUNTY STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS

LETCHER COUNTY STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS

For The Year Ended June 30, 2005

			Program Revenues Received			
Functions/Programs Reporting Entity Primary Government:		Expenses		Charges for Services		Operating erants and entributions
Governmental Activities:						
General Government	\$	918,822	\$		\$	713,267
Protection to Persons and Property		1,030,729		7,164		468,820
General Health and Sanitation		2,039,043		1,074,981		177,700
Social Services		504,490				143,617
Recreation and Culture		179,159				
Roads		1,173,950				3,218,561
Debt Service (Interest)		193,895				
Capital Projects		594,338				
Administration		1,056,323				
Total Governmental Activities		7,690,749		1,082,145		4,721,965
Business-type Activities:						
Jail Canteen		168,001		186,022		
Total Business-type Activities		168,001		186,022		
Total Primary Government	\$	7,858,750	\$	1,268,167	\$	4,721,965

General Revenues:

Taxes:

Real Property Taxes Personal Property Taxes Other Taxes

Other Taxes Motel Tax

In Lieu of Taxes

Excess Fees

Unrestricted Investment Earnings

Miscellaneous Revenues

Total General Revenues Change in Net Assets Net Assets - Beginning

Net Assets - Ending

LETCHER COUNTY STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS For The Year Ended June 30, 2005 (Continued)

Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Assets

	and Changes in Net Assets						
	Primary Government						
Gov	ernmental	Busi	ness-Type				
A	ctivities	A	ctivities		Totals		
					_		
\$	(205,555)	\$		\$	(205,555)		
	(554,745)				(554,745)		
	(786,362)				(786,362)		
	(360,873)				(360,873)		
	(179, 159)				(179,159)		
	2,044,611				2,044,611		
	(193,895)				(193,895)		
	(594,338)				(594,338)		
	(1,056,323)				(1,056,323)		
	(1,886,639)				(1,886,639)		
			18,021		18,021		
			18,021		18,021		
	(1,886,639)		18,021		(1,868,618)		
	522,389				522,389		
	105,803				105,803		
	173,368				173,368		
	493,299				493,299		
	16,967				16,967		
	1,709				1,709		
	61,236				61,236		
	54,031				54,031		
	245,962				245,962		
	1,674,764				1,674,764		
	(211,875)	_	18,021		(193,854)		
	6,537,276		48,161		6,585,437		
\$	6,325,401	\$	66,182	\$	6,391,583		



LETCHER COUNTY BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - MODIFIED CASH BASIS

LETCHER COUNTY BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - MODIFIED CASH BASIS

	(General Fund	Road Fund	I	Local overnment Conomic ssistance Fund	Pı Co	Public coperties rporation 199 Bond Fund
ASSETS							
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	386,945	\$ 988,300	\$	899,943	\$	319,539
Total assets	\$	386,945	\$ 988,300	\$	899,943	\$	319,539
FUND BALANCES Reserved for:							
Encumbrances Unreserved:	\$	42,150	\$ 4,587	\$	9,885	\$	
General Fund Special Revenue Fund		344,795	983,713		890,058		210.520
Debt Service Fund							319,539
Total Fund Balances	\$	386,945	\$ 988,300	\$	899,943	\$	319,539

LETCHER COUNTY BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - MODIFIED CASH BASIS For The Year Ended June 30, 2005 (Continued)

Non-		Total
Major	(Governmental
Funds		Funds
\$ 88,409	\$	2,683,136
\$ 88,409	\$	2,683,136
\$ 7,222	\$	63,844
,		,
		344,795
81,187		1,954,958
		319,539
\$ 88,409	\$	2,683,136

Reconciliation of Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds to Statement of Net Assets:

Total Fund Balances	\$	2,683,136
Amounts Reported For Governmental Activities In The Statement		
Of Net Assets Are Different Because:		
Capital Assets Used in Governmental Activities Are Not Financial Resources		
And Therefore Are Not Reported in the Funds.		9,205,862
Accumulated Depreciation		(1,578,597)
Long-term debt is not due and payable in the current period and,		
therefore, is not reported in the funds.		
Bonded Debt		(3,985,000)
	_	
Net Assets Of Governmental Activities	\$	6,325,401



LETCHER COUNTY STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - MODIFIED CASH BASIS

LETCHER COUNTY STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - MODIFIED CASH BASIS

	General Fund	Road Fund	Local Government Economic Assistance Fund	Public Properties Corporation 1999 Bond Fund
REVENUES				
Taxes	\$ 1,290,354	\$	\$ 16,967	\$
In Lieu Tax Payments		1,709		
Excess Fees	61,236			
Intergovernmental	636,764	911,468	2,379,001	128,000
Charges for Services	1,074,981			
Miscellaneous	195,436	163	17,362	
Interest	7,064	16,650	23,392	5,933
Total Revenues	3,265,835	929,990	2,436,722	133,933
EXPENDITURES				
General Government	674,655	25,188	93,712	
Protection to Persons and Property	298,962	,	102,161	
General Health and Sanitation	1,136,450	19,277	652,461	
Social Services	74,585		19,142	
Recreation and Culture			169,917	
Roads		733,727	507,888	
Debt Service				
Principal				97,000
Interest				193,895
Capital Projects	15,740		561,485	
Administration	679,309	147,761	31,837	
Total Expenditures	2,879,701	925,953	2,138,603	290,895
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures Before Other				
Financing Sources (Uses)	386,134	4,037	298,119	(156,962)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Transfers From Other Funds	450,000	430,000		193,013
Transfers To Other Funds	(643,013)	(430,000)	(772,000)	
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(193,013)		(772,000)	193,013
Net Change in Fund Balances	193,121	4,037	(473,881)	36,051
Fund Balances - Beginning	193,824	984,263	1,373,824	283,488
Fund Balances - Ending	\$ 386,945	\$ 988,300	\$ 899,943	\$ 319,539

LETCHER COUNTY STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - MODIFIED CASH BASIS For The Year Ended June 30, 2005 (Continued)

Non-		Total		
	Major Funds	Governmental Funds		
\$	4,505	\$	1,311,826	
			1,709	
			61,236	
	666,732		4,721,965	
	7,164		1,082,145	
	33,001		245,962	
	992		54,031	
	712,394		7,478,874	
			_	
			793,555	
	612,389		1,013,512	
	212,166		2,020,354	
	398,497		492,224	
			169,917	
			1,241,615	
			97,000	
			193,895	
	17,113		594,338	
	197,416		1,056,323	
	1,437,581		7,672,733	
	(725,187)		(193,859)	
	772,000		1,845,013	
			(1,845,013)	
	772,000		_	
	46,813		(193,859)	
	41,596		2,876,995	
\$	88,409	\$	2,683,136	



LETCHER COUNTY RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS

LETCHER COUNTY RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	\$ (193,859)
Governmental Funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the	
Statement of Activities the cost of those assets are allocated over their	
estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.	
Capital Outlay	98,727
Depreciation Expense	(213,743)
Bond principal payments are expensed in the Governmental Funds	
as a use of current financial resources. These transactions, however, have no	
effect on net assets.	
Bond Payments	 97,000
Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities	\$ (211,875)



LETCHER COUNTY STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS - PROPRIETARY FUND - MODIFIED CASH BASIS

	Ac	Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Fund Jail Canteen Fund	
•	-		
Assets			
Current Assets:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	66,182	
Total Current Assets		66,182	
Total Assets		66,182	
Unrestricted		66,182	
Total Net Assets	\$	66,182	



LETCHER COUNTY STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET ASSETS PROPRIETARY FUND - MODIFIED CASH BASIS

LETCHER COUNTY STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET ASSETS PROPRIETARY FUND - MODIFIED CASH BASIS

	Business-Typ Activities - Enterprise Fund	
	Jail Canteen Fund	
Operating Revenues		
Canteen Receipts	\$ 186,022	
Total Operating Revenues	186,022	
Operating Expenses		
Canteen Disbursements	168,001	
Total Operating Expenses	168,001	
Operating Income (Loss)	18,021	
Change In Net Assets	18,021	
Total Net Assets - Beginning	48,161	
Total Net Assets - Ending	\$ 66,182	



LETCHER COUNTY STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - PROPRIETARY FUND - MODIFIED CASH BASIS

LETCHER COUNTY STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - PROPRIETARY FUND - MODIFIED CASH BASIS

	Business-Typ Activities - Enterprise Fund	
	Jail Canteen Fund	
Cash Flows From Operating Activities		
Jail Canteen Receipts	\$ 186,022	
Payments to Suppliers	(168,001)	
Net Cash Provided By		
Operating Activities	18,021	
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash		
Equivalents	18,021	
Cash and Cash Equivalents - July 1, 2004	48,161	
Cash and Cash Equivalents - June 30, 2005	\$ 66,182	

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LETCHER COUNTY NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2005

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Basis of Presentation

The county presents its government wide and fund financial statements in accordance with a modified cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Under this basis of accounting, assets, liabilities, and related revenues and expenditures are recorded when they result from cash transactions, with a few exceptions. This modified cash basis recognizes revenues when received and expenditures when paid. Notes receivable are recognized on the Statement of Net Assets, but notes receivables are not included and recognized on the Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds. Property tax receivables, accounts payable, compensated absences, and donated assets, among other items, are not reflected in the financial statements.

Encumbrances lapse at year-end and are not reflected on the Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Activities; however encumbrances are reflected on the Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds as part of the fund balance (Reserved for Encumbrances).

The State Local Finance Officer does not require the county to report capital assets and infrastructure; however the value of these assets are included in the Statement of Net Assets and their corresponding depreciation expenses is included on the Statement of Activities.

B. Reporting Entity

The financial statements of Letcher County include the funds, agencies, boards, and entities for which the fiscal court is financially accountable. Financial accountability, as defined by Section 2100 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, as amended by GASB 14 and GASB 39, was determined on the basis of the government's ability to significantly influence operations, select the governing authority, participate in fiscal management and the scope of public service. Consequently, the reporting entity includes organizations that are legally separate from the primary government. Legally separate organizations are reported as component units if either the county is financially accountable or whose exclusion would cause the county's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. Component units may be blended or discretely presented. Blended component units either provide their services exclusively or almost entirely to the primary government, or their governing bodies are substantively the same as the primary government. All other component units are discretely presented. The County has no discretely presented component units.

Blended Component Units

The following legally separate organization provides its services exclusively to the primary government and the fiscal court is able to impose its will on this organization. This organization' balances and transactions are reported as though they are part of the county's primary government using the blending method.

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

B. Reporting Entity (Continued)

Blended Component Units (Continued)

Letcher County Public Properties Corporation

The Letcher County Public Properties Corporation is a legally separate entity established for the purpose of renovating the County's courthouse and detention center through issuance of long-term debt in the corporation's name. The Corporation's governing body consists entirely of fiscal court members. Therefore, the fiscal court is financially accountable and legally obligated for the debt of the Letcher County Public Properties Corporation. Financial information for the Letcher County Public Properties Corporation is blended within Letcher County's financial statements. The financial information can be found in the Public Properties Corporation 1964 Bond Fund and Public Properties Corporation 1999 Bond Fund.

C. Letcher County Elected Officials

Kentucky law provides for election of the below officials from the geographic area constituting Letcher County. Pursuant to state statute, these officials perform various services for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, its judicial courts, the fiscal court, various cities and special districts within the county, and the board of education. In exercising these responsibilities, however, they are required to comply with state laws. Audits of their financial statements are issued separately and individually and can be obtained from their respective administrative offices. These financial statements are not required to be included in the financial statements of Letcher County, Kentucky.

- Circuit Court Clerk
- County Attorney
- Property Valuation Administrator
- County Clerk
- County Sheriff

D. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government—wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net assets and the statement of activities) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government and its non-fiduciary component units. For the most part, the effect of interfund activities has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on sales, fees, and charges for support. Business-type revenues come mostly from fees charged to external parties for goods or services. Fiduciary funds are not included in these financial statements due to the unavailability of fiduciary funds to aid in the support of government programs.

The government-wide statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the modified cash basis of accounting, as do the proprietary fund financial statements. Under this basis of accounting, assets, liabilities, and related revenues and expenditures are recorded when they result from cash transactions, with a few exceptions. Property tax receivables, accounts payable, compensated absences, and donated assets, among other items, are not reflected in the financial statements.

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

D. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

The statement of net assets presents the reporting entity's non-fiduciary assets and liabilities, the difference between the two being reported as net assets. Net assets are reported in three categories:

1) invested in capital assets, net of related debt - consisting of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by outstanding balances for debt related to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. 2) restricted net assets - resulting from constraints placed on net assets by creditors, grantors, contributors, and other external parties, including those constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. 3) unrestricted net assets - those assets that do not meet the definition of restricted net assets or invested in capital assets.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenues include l) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function 2) operating grants and contributions and 3) capital grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Internally dedicated resources such as taxes and unrestricted state funds are reported as general revenues.

Funds are characterized as either major or non-major. Major funds are those whose assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses are at least ten percent of the corresponding total (assets, liabilities, etc.) for all funds or type (governmental or proprietary funds) and whose total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses are a least five percent of the corresponding total for all governmental and enterprise funds combined. The fiscal court may also designate any fund as major.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and proprietary funds. Major individual governmental funds and major enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the financial statements.

Governmental Funds

All governmental fund statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified cash basis of accounting. The modified cash basis recognizes revenues when received and expenditures when paid. Property tax receivables, accounts payable, compensated absences, and donated assets, among other items, are not reflected in the financial statements.

The primary government reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund - This is the primary operating fund of the Fiscal Court. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except where the Governor's Office For Local Development requires a separate fund or where management requires that a separate fund be used for some function.

Road Fund - This fund is for road and bridge construction and repair. The primary source of revenue for this fund is state payments for truck licenses distribution, municipal road aid, and transportation grants. The Governor's Office For Local Development requires the Fiscal Court to maintain these revenues and expenditures separately from the General Fund.

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

D. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

Governmental Funds (Continued)

Local Government Economic Assistance Fund – These funds may be spent for public safety, environmental protection, public transportation, health, recreation, libraries, social services, industrial and economic development, workforce training, and secondary wood industry development. In no event shall these funds be used for expenses relating to the administration of government. The Governor's Office of Local Development requires the Fiscal Court to maintain these revenues and expenditures separately from the General Fund.

Public Properties Corporation 1999 Bond Fund - The purpose of this fund is to account for debt service requirements of general obligation bonds of the Fiscal Court. The Governor's Office For Local Development does not require the Fiscal Court to report or budget these funds.

The primary government also has the following nonmajor funds: Jail, Senior Citizens, Public Properties Corporation 1964 Bond, Abandoned Mines Land, and Forestry Funds.

Special Revenue Funds:

The Road Fund, Jail Fund, Local Government Economic Assistance Fund, Senior Citizens Fund, Abandoned Mines Land Fund, and Forestry Fund are presented as special revenue funds. Special revenue funds are to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources and expenditures that are legally restricted for specific purposes.

Debt Service Fund:

The Public Properties 1964 Bond Fund and the Public Properties 1999 Bond Fund are presented as debt service funds. Debt service funds are to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of general long-term debt principal and interest.

Generally and except as otherwise provided by law, property taxes are assessed as of January 1, levied (mailed) November 1, due at discount November 30, due at face value December 30, delinquent January 1 following the assessment, and subject to lien and sale the 3rd Saturday in April following the delinquency date.

Proprietary Funds

All proprietary funds are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the modified cash basis of accounting. Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with proprietary funds' principal ongoing operations. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses. The principal operating revenues of the county's enterprise fund are charges to customers for sales in the Jail Canteen Fund. Operating expenses for the enterprise fund include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. The government has elected not to adopt Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Statements or interpretations issued after November 30, 1989, unless the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) specifically adopts such FASB Statements or Interpretations.

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

D. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

Proprietary Funds (Continued)

The primary government reports the following proprietary fund:

Jail Canteen Fund - The canteen operations are authorized pursuant to KRS 441.135(1), which allows the jailer to sell snacks, sodas, and other items to inmates. The profits generated from the sale of those items are to be used for the benefit or recreation of the inmates. KRS 441.135(2) requires the jailer to maintain accounting records and report annually to the county treasurer the receipts and disbursements of the Jail Canteen Fund.

E. Deposits and Investments

The government's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, certificate of deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

KRS 66.480 authorizes the county to invest in the following, including but not limited to, obligations of the United States and of its agencies and instrumentalities, obligations and contracts for future delivery or purchase of obligations backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, obligations of any corporation of the United States government, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of this state, and certificates of deposit issued by or other interest-bearing accounts of any bank or savings and loan institution which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or which are collateralized, to the extent uninsured, by any obligation permitted by KRS 41.240(4).

F. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include land, land improvements, buildings, furniture and office equipment, building improvements, machinery, equipment, and infrastructure assets (roads and bridges) that have a useful life of more than one reporting period based on the government's capitalization policy, are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities of the government-wide financial statements. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost when purchased or constructed.

Cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the asset's life are not capitalized. Land and Construction In Progress are not depreciated. Interest incurred during construction is not capitalized. Capital assets and infrastructure are depreciated using the straight-line method of depreciation over the estimated useful life of the asset.

	Capitalization Threshold		Useful Life (Years)	
	_			
Land Improvements	\$	12,500	10-60	
Buildings and Building Improvements	\$	25,000	10-75	
Machinery and Equipment	\$	2,500	3-25	
Vehicles	\$	2,500	3-25	
Infrastructure	\$	20,000	10-50	

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

G. Long-term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements and proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable financial statements. The principal amount of bonds, notes and financing obligations are reported.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond interest, as well as bond issuance costs when received or when paid, during the current period. The principal amount of the debt and interest is reported as expenditures. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as expenditures. Debt proceeds are reported as other financing sources.

H. Fund Equity

In the fund financial statements, the difference between the assets and liabilities of governmental funds is reported as fund balance. Fund balance is divided into reserved and unreserved components, with unreserved considered available for new spending. Unreserved fund balances, may be divided into designated and undesignated portions. Designations represent fiscal court's intended use of the resources and should reflect actual plans approved by the fiscal court.

Governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose, long-term receivables, and encumbrances.

"Reserved for Encumbrances" are purchase orders that will be fulfilled in a subsequent fiscal period. Although the purchase order or contract creates a legal commitment, the fiscal court incurs no liability until performance has occurred on the part of the party with whom the fiscal court has entered into the arrangement. When a government intends to honor outstanding commitments in subsequent periods, such amounts are encumbered. Encumbrances lapse at year-end and are not reflected on the Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Activities, however encumbrances are reflected on the Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds as part of the fund balance.

I. Budgetary Information

Annual budgets are adopted on a cash basis of accounting and according to the laws of Kentucky as required by the State Local Finance Officer.

The County Judge/Executive is required to submit estimated receipts and proposed expenditures to the fiscal court by May 1 of each year. The budget is prepared by fund, function, and activity and is required to be adopted by the fiscal court by July 1.

The fiscal court may change the original budget by transferring appropriations at the activity level; however, the fiscal court may not increase the total budget without approval by the State Local Finance Officer. Expenditures may not exceed budgeted appropriations at the activity level.

The State Local Finance Officer does not require the county to budget the Letcher County Public Properties 1964 Bond Fund and the Letcher County Public Properties 1999 Bond Fund.

Note 2. Deposits

The primary government and component units maintained deposits of public funds with depository institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) in accordance with KRS 66.480(1)(d). According to KRS 41.240(4), the depository institution should pledge or provide sufficient collateral which, together with FDIC insurance, equals or exceeds the amount of public funds on deposit at all times. In order to be valid against the FDIC in the event of failure or insolvency of the depository institution, this pledge or provision of collateral should be evidenced by an agreement between the county and the depository institution, signed by both parties, that is (a) in writing, (b) approved by the board of directors of the depository institution or its loan committee, which approval must be reflected in the minutes of the board or committee, and (c) an official record of the depository institution. These requirements were met.

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a depository institution's failure, the County's deposits may not be returned to it. The County does not have a deposit policy for custodial risk but rather follows the requirements of KRS 41.240(4). As of June 30, 2005, all deposits were covered by FDIC insurance or a properly executed collateral security agreement.

Note 3. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2005 was as follows:

	Reporting Entity			
Primary Government:	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Governmental Activities:				
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:	¢ 1.416.000	¢	¢	¢ 1.416.000
Land and Land Improvements Total Capital Assets Not Being	\$ 1,416,000	\$	\$	\$ 1,416,000
Depreciated	1,416,000			1,416,000
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated:				
Buildings	7,034,000			7,034,000
Vehicles and Equipment	498,691			498,691
Infrastructure	158,444	98,727		257,171
Total Capital Assets Being				
Depreciated	7,691,135	98,727		7,789,862
Less Accumulated Depreciation For:				
Buildings	(1,216,447)	(160,412)		(1,376,859)
Vehicles and Equipment	(143,337)	(45,102)		(188,439)
Infrastructure	(5,070)	(8,229)		(13,299)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(1,364,854)	(213,743)		(1,578,597)
Total Capital Assets, Being	c 22c 221	(115.016)		6 211 265
Depreciated, Net	6,326,281	(115,016)		6,211,265
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	\$ 7,742,281	\$ (115,016)	\$	\$ 7,627,265

Note 3. Capital Assets (Continued)

Depreciation expense was charged to functions of the primary government as follows:

Governmental Activities:

General Government	\$ 125,267
Protection to Persons and Property	17,217
General Health and Sanitation	18,689
Social Services	12,266
Recreation and Culture	9,242
Roads	 31,062
Total Depreciation Expense - Governmental Activities	\$ 213,743

Note 4. Long-term Debt

A. General Obligation Bonds, Series 1999

On January 18, 1999, The Public Properties Corporation issued bonds in order to renovate the courthouse and detention center. On January 1, 1999, the Letcher County Public Properties Corporation and the Administrative Office of the Court (AOC) entered into a lease agreement for the purpose of obtaining office rental space for the AOC.

The premises leased by AOC will provide revenues to pay a portion of the bond principal and interest. Under the terms of the lease, the AOC has agreed to pay directly to the paying agents bank their pro rated share of the use allowance payment as provided in the lease. The lease agreement is renewable each year. The county and the Public Properties Corporation are in reliance upon the use allowance payment in order to meet a portion of the debt service requirement for the bonds.

The use allowance payment commences with occupancy by AOC. The AOC, with the execution of the lease, has expressed its intention to continue to pay the full use allowance payment in each successive biennial budget period until May 1, 2027, but the lease does not legally obligate AOC to do so.

Note 4. Long-term Debt (Continued)

General Obligation Bonds, Series 1999 (Continued)

As of June 30, 2005, the principal balance remaining was \$3,985,000. Future band payments are as follows:

	Governmental Activities			
Fiscal Year Ended				
June 30	F	Principal	Interest	
2006	\$	101,000	\$	189,288
2007		107,000		184,490
2008		112,000		179,408
2009		119,000		174,088
2010		125,000		168,435
2011-2015		725,000		747,033
2016-2020		931,000		556,273
2021-2025		1,197,000		311,125
2026-2027		568,000		47,643
Totals	\$	3,985,000	\$	2,557,782

B. Changes in Long-term Liabilities

Long-term liability activity for the year ended June 30, 2005, was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Primary Government:					
Governmental Activities:					
General Obligation Bonds	\$ 4,082,000	\$	\$ 97,000	\$ 3,985,000	\$ 101,000
Governmental Activities Long-term Liabilities	\$ 4,082,000	\$	\$ 97,000	\$ 3,985,000	\$ 101,000

Note 5. Interest On Long-term Debt and Financing Obligations

Debt Service on the Statement of Activities includes \$193,895 in interest on bonds.

Note 6. Employee Retirement System

The Fiscal Court has elected to participate in the County Employees Retirement System (CERS), pursuant to KRS 78.530 administered by the Board of Trustees of the Kentucky Retirement Systems. This is a cost sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, which covers all eligible full-time employees and provides for retirement, disability, and death benefits to plan members. Benefit contributions and provisions are established by statute. Nonhazardous covered employees are required to contribute 5 percent of their salary to the plan. The county's contribution rate for nonhazardous employees was 8.48 percent.

Benefits fully vest on reaching five years of service for nonhazardous employees. Aspects of benefits for nonhazardous employees include retirement after 27 years of service or age 65.

Historical trend information showing the CERS' progress in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due is presented in the Kentucky Retirement Systems' annual financial report. This report may be obtained by writing the Kentucky Retirement System, 1260 Louisville Road, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601-6124, or by telephone at (502) 564-4646.

Note 7. Insurance

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005, Letcher County was a member of the Kentucky Association of Counties' All Lines Fund (KALF). KALF is a self-insurance fund and was organized to obtain lower cost coverage for general liability, property damage, public officials' errors and omissions, public liability, and other damages. The basic nature of a self-insurance program is that of a collectively shared risk by its members. If losses incurred for covered claims exceed the resources contributed by the members, the members are responsible for payment of the excess losses.

LETCHER COUNTY BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES Required Supplementary Information - Modified Cash Basis

LETCHER COUNTY BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES Required Supplementary Information - Modified Cash Basis

GENERAL FUND

			GENERA	LLI	UND		
	Du do sée d	Λ			Actual Amounts,	Fin	ance with
	 Budgeted	Amo		(Budgetary		Positive	
	 Original		Final		Basis)	(N	legative)
REVENUES							
Taxes	\$ 1,155,000	\$	1,191,616	\$	1,290,354	\$	98,738
Excess Fees	4,201		61,236		61,236		
Intergovernmental Revenue	71,142		587,792		636,764		48,972
Charges for Services	1,055,000		1,055,000		1,074,981		19,981
Miscellaneous	94,321		114,794		195,436		80,642
Interest	 7,500		7,500		7,064		(436)
Total Revenues	2,387,164		3,017,938		3,265,835		247,897
EXPENDITURES							
General Government	563,601		702,767		674,655		28,112
Protection to Persons and Property	270,975		300,729		298,962		1,767
General Health and Sanitation	520,659		1,186,803		1,136,450		50,353
Social Services	105,000		105,000		74,585		30,415
Debt Service							
Principal	97,000		97,000				97,000
Interest	232,000		102,387				102,387
Capital Projects	160,813		16,000		15,740		260
Administration	721,592		737,713		679,309		58,404
Total Expenditures	2,671,640		3,248,399		2,879,701		368,698
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues							
Over Expenditures Before Other	(284,476)		(230,461)		386,134		616,595
Financing Sources (Uses)	•				•		•
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							
Transfers From Other Funds	84,476		84,476		450,000		365,524
Transfers To Other Funds					(643,013)		(643,013)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	84,476		84,476		(193,013)		(277,489)
Net Changes in Fund Balances	(200,000)		(145,985)		193,121		339,106
Fund Balances - Beginning	 200,000		200,000		193,824	-	(6,176)
Fund Balances - Ending	\$	\$	54,015	\$	386,945	\$	332,930

LETCHER COUNTY BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES Required Supplementary Information - Modified Cash Basis For The Year Ended June 30, 2005 (Continued)

	ROAD FUND					
	Budgeted	Amounts	Actual Amounts, (Budgetary	Variance with Final Budget Positive		
	Original	Final	Basis)	(Negative)		
REVENUES						
In Lieu of Taxes	\$ 795	\$ 795	\$ 1,709	\$ 914		
Intergovernmental Revenue	1,037,987	1,037,987	911,468	\$ (126,519)		
Miscellaneous	1,150	1,150	163	(987)		
Interest	9,000	9,000	16,650	7,650		
Total Revenues	1,048,932	1,048,932	929,990	(118,942)		
EXPENDITURES						
General Government	26,521	26,521	25,188	1,333		
Genarl Health and Sanitation	19,277	19,278	19,277	1		
Roads	798,258	808,554	733,727	74,827		
Administration	120,400	1,094,366	147,761	946,605		
Total Expenditures	964,456	1,948,719	925,953	1,022,766		
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues						
Over Expenditures Before Other	84,476	(899,787)	4,037	903,824		
Financing Sources (Uses)						
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Transfers From Other Funds			430,000	430,000		
Transfers To Other Funds	(84,476)	(84,476)	(430,000)	(345,524)		
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(84,476)	(84,476)		84,476		
Net Changes in Fund Balances		(984,263)	4,037	988,300		
Fund Balances - Beginning		984,263	984,263			
Fund Balances - Ending	\$	\$	\$ 988,300	\$ 988,300		

LETCHER COUNTY BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES Required Supplementary Information - Modified Cash Basis For The Year Ended June 30, 2005 (Continued)

	Local Governmental Economic Assistance Fund					
	Budgeted Original	l Amounts Final	Actual Amounts, (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)		
DENTANTING						
REVENUES	\$ 28,000	¢ 20,000	¢ 16.067	¢ (11.022)		
Taxes	. ,	\$ 28,000	\$ 16,967	\$ (11,033)		
Intergovernmental Miscellaneous	2,172,610	2,776,973	2,379,001	(397,972)		
Interest	6,800 16,000	14,862 16,000	17,362 23,392	2,500 7,392		
Total Revenues	2,223,410	2,835,835	2,436,722	(399,113)		
EXPENDITURES						
General Government	43,043	96,343	93,712	2,631		
Protection to Persons and Property	44,452	110,022	102,161	7,861		
General Health and Santitation	192,393	667,643	652,461	15,182		
Social Services	12,400	20,400	19,142	1,258		
Recreation and Culture	112,879	173,100	169,917	3,183		
Roads	529,890	529,890	507,888	22,002		
Captial Project	1,337,834	1,268,691	561,485	707,206		
Administration	29,200	223,235	31,837	191,398		
Total Expenditures	2,302,091	3,089,324	2,138,603	950,721		
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures Before Other						
Financing Sources (Uses)	(78,681)	(253,489)	298,119	551,608		
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers From Other Funds						
Transfers To Other Funds	(621,319)	(621,319)	(772,000)	(150,681)		
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(621,319)	(621,319)	(772,000)	(150,681)		
Net Changes in Fund Balances	(700,000)	(874,808)	(473,881)	400,927		
Fund Balances - Beginning	700,000	969,808	1,373,824	404,016		
Fund Balances - Ending	\$	\$ 95,000	\$ 899,943	\$ 804,943		

LETCHER COUNTY NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

June 30, 2005

Budgetary Information

Annual budgets are adopted on a cash basis of accounting and according to the laws of Kentucky as required by the State Local Finance Officer.

The County Judge/Executive is required to submit estimated receipts and proposed expenditures to the fiscal court by May 1 of each year. The budget is prepared by fund, function, and activity and is required to be adopted by the fiscal court by July 1.

The fiscal court may change the original budget by transferring appropriations at the activity level; however, the fiscal court may not increase the total budget without approval by the State Local Finance Officer. Expenditures may not exceed budgeted appropriations at the activity level.

LETCHER COUNTY COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS MODIFIED CASH BASIS Other Supplementary Information

June 30, 2005

LETCHER COUNTY COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS MODIFIED CASH BASIS Other Supplementary Information

June 30, 2005

	Jail Fund	C	Senior itizens Fund	orestry Fund	No Gove	Total n-Major ernmental Funds
ASSETS						
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 40,531	\$	45,153	\$ 2,725	\$	88,409
Total assets	\$ 40,531	\$	45,153	\$ 2,725	\$	88,409
FUND BALANCES Reserved for: Encumbrances Unreserved:	\$ 1,896	\$	5,326	\$	\$	7,222
Special Revenue Fund	 38,635		39,827	 2,725		81,187
Total Fund Balances	\$ 40,531	\$	45,153	\$ 2,725	\$	88,409



LETCHER COUNTY COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - MODIFIED CASH BASIS Other Supplementary Information

LETCHER COUNTY

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - MODIFIED CASH BASIS Other Supplementary Information

	Jail Fund	Senior Citizens Fund	orestry Fund	Pro Corj 196	ublic perties poration 4 Bond Yund
REVENUES					
Taxes	\$	\$	\$ 4,505	\$	
Intergovernmental	345,415	143,617			
Charges for Services	7,164				
Miscellaneous	22,952	10,049			
Interest	598	394			
Total Revenues	\$ 376,129	\$ 154,060	\$ 4,505	\$	
EXPENDITURES					
Protection to Persons and Property	\$ 608,748		\$ 3,641	\$	
General Health and Sanitation		\$ 34,466			
Social Services		398,497			
Capital Projects		17,113			
Administration	123,822	73,532			62
Total Expenditures	\$ 732,570	\$ 523,608	\$ 3,641	\$	62
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures Before Other					
Financing Sources (Uses)	 (356,441)	 (369,548)	 864		(62)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Transfer From Other Funds	372,000	400,000			
TotalOther Financing Sourses (Uses)	372,000	400,000			
Net Change in Fund Balances	15,559	30,452	864		(62)
Fund Balances - Beginning	24,972	14,701	1,861		62
Fund Balances - Ending	\$ 40,531	\$ 45,153	\$ 2,725	\$	
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LETCHER COUNTY COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - MODIFIED CASH BASIS Other Supplementary Information For The Year Ended June 30, 2005 (Continued)

	oondoned nes Land Fund		Total on-Major ærnmental Funds
\$	177,700	\$	4,505 666,732 7,164 33,001
\$	177,700		992
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\$	177,700	\$	612,389 212,166 398,497
\$	177,700		17,113 197,416 1,437,581
Ψ	177,700	Φ_	1,437,381
			(725,187)
			772,000 772,000
			46,813 41,596
\$		\$	88,409



LETCHER COUNTY COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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For The Year Ended June 30, 2005

STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS

The Fiscal Court Should Annually Review The Administrative Code

The latest revision of the Administrative Code was in the mid 1980s. KRS 68.005 requires the fiscal court to annually review the Administrative Code. We recommend the fiscal court comply with KRS 68.005.

County Judge/Executive Response: We will review the Administrative Code during July 2006 Fiscal Court meeting.

The Jailer Should Submit An Annual Settlement To The County Treasurer

The Jailer did not submit a Jail Canteen annual report to the County Treasurer as required by KRS 441.135. In addition, we noted the following deficiencies with the monthly reports:

- Deposits/receipts were not itemized or identified by source
- Disbursements were not classified/identified as to reveal the purpose of the expenditure

We recommend the Jailer comply with KRS 441.135 by submitting an annual settlement to the County Treasurer and up grading the accounting system to correct the above noted deficiencies.

County Jailer Response: Corrected fiscal year 05-06.

Jail Operating Expenditures Should Be Paid From The Jail Fund

Jail operating expenditures should not be paid from the Jail Canteen account. We found that numerous operating expenditures were paid from the Jail Canteen account rather than from the Jail Fund maintained by the fiscal court. These expenditures consisted of routine jail operating supplies and inmate personal hygiene items. KRS 441.335(2), which authorizes the jailer to sell snacks, sodas, and other items, states that profits generated from sales of these items are to be used for the benefit or recreation of the inmates. Therefore, jail operating expenditures are not an allowable expense of the jail canteen. We recommend that only expenditures for the benefit or recreation of the inmates be made from the Jail Canteen account.

County Jailer Response: Corrected fiscal year 05-06.

PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS

Prior Year Findings That Have Not Been Corrected:

The Fiscal Court Should Review The Administrative Code Annually The Jailer Should Submit His Annual Jail Canteen Report To The County Treasurer Jail Operating Expenditures Should Be Paid From The Jail Fund



REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING
AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

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The Honorable Carroll Smith, Letcher County Judge/Executive Members of the Letcher County Fiscal Court

Report On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting And On Compliance And Other Matters Based On An Audit Of Financial Statements Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Letcher County, Kentucky, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements, as listed in the table of contents and have issued our report thereon dated June 23, 2006. Letcher County, Kentucky prepares its financial statements in accordance with a basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Letcher County's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Letcher County's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> and which are described in the accompanying comments and recommendations.

- The Fiscal Court Should Annually Review The Administrative Code
- The Jailer Should Submit An Annual Settlement To The County Treasurer
- Jail Operating Expenditures Should Be Paid From The Jail Fund

Report On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting And On Compliance And Other Matters Based On An Audit Of Financial Statements Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards (Continued)

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, and the Kentucky Governor's Office for Local Development and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Respectfully submitted,

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Audit fieldwork completed - June 23, 2006

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE - LOCAL GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

LETCHER COUNTY FISCAL COURT

For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2005

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The Letcher County Fiscal Court hereby certifies that assistance received from the Local Government Economic Assistance Program was expended for the purpose intended as dictated by the applicable Kentucky Revised Statutes.

Name

County Judge Executive

Name

County Treasurer